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SUBJECT: RFE/RL APPLICATION FOR NEW TRANSMITTERS

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1. EARNAL CAMPBELL, TECHNICAL DIRECTOR OF RFE/RL ACCOMPANIED BY EMBOFF CALLED SEPTEMBER 21 ON KRATH OF BUNDESPOST MINISTERIUM (BPM) AT KRATH'S REQUEST. KRATH SAID HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY HIS SUPERIORS FOR TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON EFFECT ON RECEPTION AREAS OF HIGHER POWER TRANSMITTERS AND NEW ANTENNAS. SPECIFICALLY, HE ASKED FOR STATEMENT OF WHAT RFE/RL INTENDED TO ACHIEVE BY POWER GAIN AND FOR MAPS SHOWING PRESENT AND PROPOSED ANTENNA PATTERNS. HE SAID THIS INFORMATION WOULD HELP THOSE LOOKING AT THE PROBLEM FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR EAST WEST RELATIONS TO UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION. HE NOTED THAT THE PENDING BREZHNEV VISIT TO GERMANY MADE THE MATTER ESPECIALLY SENSITIVE FROM THE POLITICAL VIEWPOINT.

2. CAMPBELL AGREED TO PREPARE THE REQUESTED MATERIAL AND TO BRING IT TO MEETING AT THE BPM ON OCTOBER 7. HE EXPLAINED THAT, FOR GERMANY AS A WHOLE, THE RECEPTION
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AREAS COVERED BY RFE/RL TRANSMITTERS WOULD NOT CHANGE, ALTHOUGH THERE WOULD BE CHANGES AMONG THE VARIOUS TRANSMITTERS. THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE HIGHER POWER, HE SAID, WAS TO SEND A STRONGER SIGNAL TO AREAS NOW BEING JAMMED.

3. KRATH SAID THERE WAS SOME CONCERN IN THE BPM THAT

THE JAMMERS WOULD INCREASE POWER TO MEET THE NEW OUTPUT BY RFE/RL AND THAT THIS MIGHT CAUSE INTERFERENCE TO ADJACENT CHANNELS. CAMPBELL SAID THAT THE JAMMERS WERE LOCAL AND THERE SHOULD BE NO INCREASE IN INTERFERENCE IN WESTERN EUROPE.

4. EMPHASIZING THAT HE WAS SPEAKING ONLY FOR HIMSELF, KRATH ASKED IF RFE/RL COULD ACCEPT 100 KW INSTEAD OF 250 KW TRANSMITTERS AT HOLZKIRCHEN. CAMPBELL REPLIED THAT HE COULD NOT SPEAK FOR RFE/RL ON THIS BUT POINTED OUT THAT 250 KW IS A MORE OR LESS STANDARD TRANSMITTER THESE DAYS AND THAT 100 KW TRANSMITTERS WOULD BE HARD TO FIND EVEN IF THEY WERE FOUND TO BE OF SUFFICIENT POWER.
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